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LAGOS PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND ASST  
SECRETARY MOOSE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PDEV, OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW), RH, UK, US  
SUBJECT: OWEN-YOUNG MEETING WITH SMITH

REF: LONDON 14096

1. STEPHEN WALL, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO OWEN, TOLD  
CHARGE AUGUST 24 THAT OWEN WAS CONCERNED ABOUT WAITING  
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, AS PLANNED, TO BRIEF SMITH ON UK-US  
INITIATIVE, SINCE THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS AND THE  
PATRIOTIC FRONT WILL HAVE FULL DETAILS OF THE PLAN AS  
A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN LUSAKA AUGUST 27-28.  
ACCORDINGLY, OWEN WANTS OUR VIEWS SOONEST ON THE  
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POSSIBILITY OF REARRANGING THE PROPOSED ITINERARY TO  
PROVIDE FOR A STOPOVER AT A MILITARY AIRFIELD IN  
RHODESIA ON AUGUST 28, EN ROUTE FROM LUSAKA TO SOUTH  
AFRICA. OWEN HAD CONSIDERED TRYING TO PERSUADE SMITH,  
WHO WILL BE IN SOUTH AFRICA ON AUGUST 27, TO LAY OVER  
TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND HIM THERE ON AUGUST  
28. HOWEVER, UK AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH AFRICA SCOTT HAS

SAID THAT, IN VIEW OF THE ELECTIONS, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE SMITH WOULD STAY IN SOUTH AFRICA THROUGH THE 28TH.

2. SCOTT ALSO DOUBTS THAT SMITH WOULD RECEIVE OWEN IN RHODESIA ON AUGUST 28. IN THIS CONNECTION, SCOTT HAD TALKED WITH HAWKINS, WHO CHECKED "AT THE OFFICIAL LEVEL" IN SALISBURY AND REPORTED THAT THE PROPOSAL SEEMED A NON-STARTER SINCE, IF SMITH SAW OWEN AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG, HE COULD NOT CLAIM NOT TO HAVE KNOWN OF THE PROPOSALS BEFORE THE ELECTION AND THEREBY EXCUSE HIS NOT HAVING ADDRESSED THEM IN THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN. WALL, WHO HAD NOT YET TOLD OWEN OF SCOTT'S CONVERSATION WITH HAWKINS, APOLOGIZED FOR SCOTT'S HAVING GONE TO HAWKINS WITHOUT GUIDANCE, BUT SAID THAT IN ANY CASE IT WAS PROBABLY BETTER TO HAVE THIS INFORMAL INDICATION AT THIS TIME TO ASSIST OWEN IN TAKING A DECISION ON THE MATTER.

3. OWEN HOPES, IN ANY EVENT, THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL JOIN HIM FOR THE MEETING WITH SMITH, WHETHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE VISIT TO PRETORIA.

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